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ISG - Committee Status Update – Draft

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(Status updates are to be submitted to the Project Director by the first of each quarter)

Committee Name: ISG-Adolescent Health Community Advisory Group

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Priority Strategy(ies) and Status: For each Strategy the Committee is currently working on, identify the key actions completed or currently in process:

Strategy Name & Number: Promote and Enhance the Matrix Action Plan

Actions underway and / or complete: *The following are actions identified that need to happen*

1. A concept paper will be written that will be used in obtaining grant funding for a project to encourage the use of adolescent health pre-screening tools in the primary care setting. The project acknowledges the time constraints the primary care provider has with each patient and will provide implementation suggestions and resources. The use of Guidelines for Adolescent Preventative Services (GAPS) developed by the American Medical Association is recommended. The project will revise the draft Adolescent Health Care Handbook: Screening and Education Resources for use by all primary care providers and training for office staff to effectively implement a screening tool.
2. The web page will need to be designed so it is:
 - an educational resource for physicians, other health care providers, parents, and adolescents;
 - a mechanism to link and foster communication with adolescent oriented organizations;
 - the primary source of communicating the committee's activities and resources, such as the Matrix Action Plan.
3. A staff person will be needed to regularly update and maintain the Matrix Action Plan and other posted resources and to assure any web links are still active.
4. The committee needs to identify and communicate with community organizations and agencies that could be contributing to the Matrix and/or using the Matrix as a resource.

Opportunities for integration identified:

There are many web-based resources that deal with adolescent health that can either be incorporated into the committee's web page or a link made, such as the Arizona Adolescent Health Coalition (www.aahc.info) and the A to Z Child Health Links (www.azchl.org).

There are community organizations and agencies that have programs and projects that could be incorporated into the Matrix Action Plan.

Barriers identified to completing the actions:

Staff hours are needed that can coordinate and move forward the committee activities.

Support Needed:
Grant Writing

Recommendations the Committee would like presented to the Task Force:
That all health care providers use an adolescent health pre-screening tool for their adolescent patients.